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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 28, 2003, in the above-identified application. A Request for Extension Of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is included with this Amendment.

Remarks

Claims 1-63 are pending. Examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the discussion below is requested.

§ 112 Rejections

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Patent Office submits that the phrase "wherein the processing aid is transient" is not clear and, further, that the specification does not provide any examples of a transient compound.